(c) Government of India separately grants liberalized Family Pension and *ex-gratia* from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs to the family of a deceased soldier depending upon the nature of casualty. Besides, monetary allowance is attached to gallantry awards ranging from Rs. 1,500/- per month for Param Vir Chakra to Rs. 250/- per month for Sena/Nao-Sena/ Vayu Sena Medal awardees.

Fidayeen attack at Sunjivan army camp

1042. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent Fidayeen attack on the Sunjivan army camp in Jammu killing 12 Jawans and wounding many more reveals a serious lapse of security; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident and the action taken to boost up the security of our military installations based in J&K?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In the incident of the terrorist attack on Army barrack at Sunjivan Cantonment on 28th June, 2003, two terrorists had killed 13 soldiers and injured 6. During the attack, both the terrorists were also killed. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate into the circumstances leading to the incident. Secuirty lapse, if any, can only be asccertained on completion of the Inquiry. A review of secruity arrangements for all vulnerable areas in various cantonments has been carried out to take necessary measures to thwart such threats from terrorist groups.

Pace of modernisation of Indian Navy

1043. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer of Unstarred Question 4203 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2003 and state:

(a) the total amount allocated for modernisation of Indian Navy surrendered during last five years;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in some projects;

(c) whether Government will be able to make up the slow progress in the projects; and

(d) if so, on what basis and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Total amount allocated for modernization of Indian Navy surrendered during last 05 years commencing from 1998-1999 to 2002-2003 is Rs. 2169.23 crores.

(b) The surrender of funds has been primarily on account of lesser outgo on committed liabilities due to delay in deliveries/slow progress of work by the firms on various projects.

(c) and (d) Constant efforts are made to monitor and implement projects in a time bound manner. However, technological and other constraints sometimes delay projects.

Situation along LoC

1044. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the situation at the Line of Control between India and Pakistan continues to be alarming as our troops were encountering from across the LoC trying to sneak into Indian side and unleash violence;

(b) whether intelligence reports from across the border indicate the thousands of militants are being trained in camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and

(c) whether necessary steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The situation on the Line of Control remains unchanged. During the year 2001 to 2003 (till 22.7.2003) 947 terrorists have been killed at the time of their attempts to infiltrate/exfiltrate.

(b) Intelligence inputs indicate that approximately 3000 terrorists are being trained in training camps in Pak occupied Kashmir.

(c) Adequate military measures have been put in place to thwart Pak designs and intercept terrorist groups attempting to infiltrate into J&K.